

ESTABLISHED 1861

CLARKSBURG, W. VA., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1913.

PRICE TWO CENTS

EIGHT PERSONS DIE IN BIG FIRE

And Fifteen Persons Are Injured, of Whom Four Are in Serious Condition.

MANY RESCUES ARE MADE

Brave Girl Loses Her Head, Returns to Her Room and is Found Dead There.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Eight persons, five men and three women, died in an early morning tenement house fire at 96 Monroe street in the crowded East Side district today. Fifteen persons were injured, four seriously, by jumping from fire escapes. The firemen made many rescues.

The fire started in the hall on the ground floor cutting off escape by way of the stairs. An hour before dawn the tenants in the house were aroused by cries of persons in the street. Finding escape by way of the stairway shut off, they crowded on the fire escape platform. The calmer waited for the firemen to raise ladders. A few made their escape over the roofs of adjoining houses.

The dead are Mrs. Beck Kaplan, 55 years, a widow; Barney Kaplan, 18, her son; Louis Kaplan, 16, another son; Samuel Cohen, 64; Isaac Weisberg, 50; Mrs. Pearl Weisberg, 50, wife; Gussie Mazzin, 19, and Israel Golden, 35.

The Mazzin girl, after assisting her father, mother and five brothers to the fire escape, lost her head and returned to her room, where she was found dead.

The bodies of Mrs. Kaplan, her sons and Samuel Cohen, a tailor, who occupied a room with them, were found on the fifth floor. Israel Golden was found dead in his bed on the fifth floor. The Weisbergs were in their apartment on the third floor.

THAW COMMISSIONERS

Give Notice to Counsel That a Public Hearing Will Be Held on January 7.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 31.—The commissioners appointed by the federal court to determine whether public safety would be endangered by the liberation on bail of Harry K. Thaw notified counsel today that a public hearing on the matter would be held January 7. In accordance with the order of the court all interested parties may offer testimony at the hearing affecting actions of Thaw since his commitment to the Massachusetts asylum, tending to show on his part any disposition to do physical harm or evidence to the contrary.

TRANSFER

Of the Reverend Father Schoenen from Fairmont to This City is Announced.

The Rev. Father P. J. Schoenen, who has been rector for the last few years of the Fairmont Italian Catholic church, has been transferred to this city by the Right Rev. P. J. Donahue, bishop of the West Virginia diocese of the Catholic church, to the rectorship of the Italian Catholic church here. The Rev. Father F. Laureano, of Wheeling, will be Father Schoenen's successor at Fairmont. Father Schoenen will come to Clarksburg about Saturday, January 10.

NEW SCHEDULE

Of Traction Freight Cars in This City Will Go into Effect on Tomorrow.

On and after January 1, the traction company will run its city freight cars as follows:

Leave Clarksburg to Grasselli 9 a. m. arrive at Grasselli 9 a. m.
Leave Grasselli 9 a. m. arrive at Clarksburg 9:30 a. m.
Leave Clarksburg to O'Neil 10:10 a. m. arrive at O'Neil 10:20 a. m.
Leave O'Neil 10:50 a. m.

NEW CARRIER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Russell C. Moore has been appointed rural mail carrier on route No. 2 out of New Martinsville, in place of Claude D. Moore.

COMMITTEEMEN SEEKING A COACH

Jackson and Stathers Scout in the East for 'Varsity Football Trainer.

Attorney Steven G. Jackson, alumni representative on West Virginia university's new athletic committee, and Attorney Birk S. Stathers, of Weston, chairman of the committee recently appointed by the alumni to investigate the coaching system in use at some of the large eastern colleges, have gone to New York City to attend the eighth annual convention of the National Collegiate association, which will be held in the Hotel Astor. In the at-

FAMILY OF VANISHED BROOKLYN GIRL FEAR HER CAPTURE BY WHITE SLAVERS



Miss Jessie McCann.

Miss Jessie McCann, a beautiful young social worker and the daughter of a wealthy Brooklyn (N. Y.) merchant, mysteriously disappeared on December 4. Since then every effort has been made to find her, but in vain. Her family fear that she has been captured by white slavers and dragged into the hideous underworld of New York.

OFFICIAL OF MINE NOW UNDER ARREST

Charged with Aiding and Abetting the Shooting of Striking Miners at Colliers.

COLLIERS, W. Va., Dec. 31.—William Bilderbeck, assistant superintendent of the Colliers mine of the Pittsburgh and West Virginia Coal Company, was arrested today charged with "aiding and abetting" the shooting of Jim Logan, a striking miner, who is alleged to have been seriously wounded by Mike Potaski, a strike breaker.

According to Miss Fannie Scullins, a social worker of St. Louis, who has been working among the families of the striking miners and who brought about Potaski's arrest, Potaski told her Bilderbeck had offered him \$50 to shoot Logan.

Strikers and their families have been living in tents since the strike was inaugurated last September and there has been much disorder.

WALDO SUDDENLY LEAVES HIS OFFICE

SNOW STORM

In Germany is the Heaviest in That Country Except One Other in Thirty Years.

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 31.—The German capital was covered with fourteen inches of snow at noon today and he fell still continued. A heavier snow storm has been recorded only once in thirty years. Near Halle a passenger train crowded with people proceeding to their home to spend the New Year holiday, was blocked by snow at midnight and the people were still prisoners at noon today. Reports from other parts of the empire show that the snowfall is general.

TOWN ELECTIONS.

Annual town elections will be held at Adamston, Stealey Heights, Broad Oaks, Northview, Bridgeport, Shinnston and Lumberport tomorrow. The officers-elect will begin their duties February 1.

LOT SALE

To Start Off the New Year with the Willison and Dennison Company.

As an evidence of the conviction that 1914 will be a big year in real estate transactions for this community, the Willison and Dennison Company will start off the new year by holding a lot sale.

The property to be sold is the F. C. and W. A. Gaylord sub-division facing on East Pike street near Factory street, where the Atlantic Redding Company formerly had its plant. The sale will be opened at the property at 9 o'clock Thursday morning and continue until all the twelve or thirteen lots are disposed of.

The lots are priced at \$400 to \$750 each. All are situated within the city, are level and have all improvements such as sidewalks, sewer, water and gas connections and the like.

PICTURE'S RETURN

Causes the French Government to Make the Day a Very Ceremonious Occasion.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The return today of Da Vinci's Mona Lisa to Paris after an absence of two years, and four months was made into a ceremonious occasion by the French government. The picture, after traveling from Florence to Rome and thence to Milan under careful guardianship, was committed to the care of the representative of the French government, Henry Marcell, conservator of the French national museums, who arrived here with a staff of assistants this afternoon in a private compartment of the express train from Italy. The picture was enclosed in a thin oaken case bound with straps and with a light handle.

TO OPPOSE PINDELL

For the Russian Ambassadorship until He Comes Clean with the Committee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Republicans of the Senate foreign relations committee have made it known that they will not agree to final action on the appointment of Henry M. Pindell, of Peoria, Ill., as ambassador to Russia until they have had an opportunity to examine certain correspondence between Mr. Pindell and Representative Stone, said to bear upon activities of postmasters in that state. Letters have been sent to Mr. Pindell urging him to lay the correspondence before the committee. Representative Stone has not yet furnished certain letters upon which much opposition to Mr. Pindell has been based.

OFFICIAL REMOVED

By the President of the United States for Not Being in Sympathy with Wilson.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—With authority of President Wilson, Fred C. Wetmore, United States attorney for the Western district of Michigan, with headquarters at Grand Rapids, was removed from office today by Attorney General McReynolds. No specific charges were filed against Mr. Wetmore but it was said he was out of sympathy with the administration. Until a successor can be appointed his office will be filled by an attorney to be named by a judge of the United States court in that district.

SCHOLASTICS

Will Play Weston Collegians Return Game at Weston.

The Scholastics basketball team will play the Weston Collegians at Weston Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. A better game is looked for than the one here Monday night when the local team defeated the Weston team by a score of 17 to 22. The following Scholastics players will take the trip: Williams, Rigby, Osburn, Garrett, Loudon, McAndrew and L. Martz. The team will leave on the 1:30 o'clock car.

NEW ROUTES

For Mail Carrying are Established Through Efforts of Brown.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Congressman Brown has succeeded in having two new mail routes established out of Terra Alta, Preston county, to commence March 2, next. Route No. 3 will be 23 miles long and will supply 123 families, while the salary of the carrier will be \$1,056 a year. Route No. 4 will be 26 miles long and will supply 151 families. The salary of the carrier will be \$1,100 a year.

WADE'S SUCCESSOR.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—James R. Ewers has been appointed postmaster at Woods, Putnam county, in place of James K. Wade, removed.

PORTNEY NAMED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Draper Portney has been appointed rural mail carrier on route No. 2 out of Albright, in place of Nolen J. Gibson.

HARR TRIAL.

The criminal court devoted the greater part of Wednesday to the trial of Charles Harr on a charge of interfering with an officer by taking a roulette wheel which has been seized by officers in a raid on a gambling place.

TRAIN BLOWN UP BY REBELS

On the Main Line of the Inter-Oceanic Railway Running to Atlantic Coast.

BATTLE IS SOON TO END

Federal Troops at the Scene of Warfare Are in Bad Way as Result of Attack.

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 31.—A federal troop train was blown up with dynamite today 170 miles southeast of Mexico City on the main line of the Inter-Oceanic railway, connecting the federal capital with the coast.

BATTLE OF OJINAGA IS TO BE DECIDED VERY SOON.

PRESIDIO, Tex., Dec. 31.—It was the opinion of military experts here today that the battle of Ojinaga would be decided within twenty-four hours. Likewise it was believed that the only chance of the federal escape extermination should the rebels pour in on them was a precipitate flight across the United States border. The federalists were reported short of ammunition while the rebels by the frequency of their fire appeared to have an ample supply, said to have been taken with the occupation of Chihuahua City. The tactics of narrowing their semi-circle around the federalists were continued by General Ortega's forces. Whichever the outcome it was certain that no surrender would be considered. General Villa at Chihuahua had said that he would execute all federal volunteers, whether they surrendered or not. United States cavalry patrolling the border considered what they would do if the four thousand men, commanded by almost a dozen generals, should start a rush across the border. Major McNamee, commanding the patrol, had less than one thousand men stationed at points along the river where it was likely refugee soldiers would cross.

Estimates of the probable number of dead and wounded were based merely on what refugees reported today. A federal deserter said two or three hundred of their number had been killed in the first attack of the rebels and the wounded, who could not shift for themselves, were left on the field. Three other federal deserters said the soldiers had not been paid in months and were waiting a chance to desert. They have all got their eyes turned to the American side, said one ragged and muddy soldier who was eating rations given him by an American. "It is only the fear that they will be shot in the back that keeps them from running."

Information from rebel sources was that General Pascual Orozco and General Salazar, commanders of federal volunteers, who are threatened with no quarter by Ortega's army, secretly crossed to the American side several nights ago and arranged for shelter with friends in case they have to retreat to foreign soil. The two generals figured in the revolts against Madero.

ODDS AND ENDS

Only of Testimony as to the Italian Hall Panic Fire Are Given to Jury.

CALUMET, Mich., Dec. 31.—Convinced that testimony available as to the identity of the man, who started the Christmas eve panic by calling "Fire" in a crowded hall is insufficient, local representatives of the Western Federation of Miners decided not to produce witnesses for the purpose before the coroner's inquest today. As a result only odds and ends of testimony were heard and it was expected that the jury would begin its deliberations late today. Half a dozen persons appeared at the hearing.

COUNTY COURT.

The county court Wednesday ordered M. E. Curry from road tax and established a bridge on Little Indian run in Eagle district.

TO OBSERVE DAY.

The city banks, public offices, business houses, and other places will be closed tomorrow as it will be a legal holiday.

TROOPS ORDERED TO GO INTO MINES

And Capture "Happy Jack" Hendrickson and His Clan of Kentucky Mountaineers.

PINEVILLE, Ky., Dec. 31.—Adjutant General Ellis received word this morning from Governor McCreary to spend no more time in the siege in attempting to capture "Happy Jack" Hendrickson and his clan of mountaineers who are hiding in the mine between here and Ellys. The adjutant general was ordered this morning to take men and enter the mine and he prepared to act accordingly some time this afternoon. Twenty searchlights have been obtained and these will be used by as many men while twenty other men will follow, heavily armed.

SUIT BROUGHT

By a Cabin Creek Coal Miner against Former Governor and General Elliott.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 31.—Alleging he had been unlawfully detained by state troops while the Cabin Creek coal country was under martial law, Tony Stafford this afternoon brought suit in the circuit court of Kanawha county against William E. Glasscock, former governor; Adjutant General C. D. Elliott; and all the members of the military commission. Stafford asks \$50,000.

TROOPS ARE SENT TO MURDER TRIAL

To Protect Two Negroes at the Request of the Judges at Chestertown, Md.

CHESTERTOWN, Md., Dec. 31.—The Second battalion of the Fifth regiment, Maryland national guard, consisting of four companies from Baltimore, arrived here at an early hour today. They were sent here at the request of the judges of the Kent county court who believed their presence necessary during the trial of the two negroes, Norman Mabel and James Parkway, for the murder of James M. Coleman.

The troops marched to the jail and went into camp around the county buildings. They had full field equipment and a plentiful supply of ammunition. Brigadier General Charles Gaither is in command. General Gaither is also acting as the person representative of Governor Goldsborough.

PLOT TO KILL

Huerta at a Reception is Frustrated by the Arrest of Two Mexicans.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 31.—An alleged plot to assassinate Provisional President Huerta during the New Year's reception was frustrated today by the arrest of two Mexicans in a suburban house. The secret police are said to have discovered that the plotters had planned to enter the home of General Huerta at the same time as the officials and others had arranged to come and offer their New Year's greeting.

STEAMER BLOWN UP BY EXPLOSION

Or at Least That is the Belief as Result of Seeing Two Bursts of Smoke on Horizon.

TAMRIPO, Dec. 31.—Fears are entertained here that the Norwegian steamer, Atlantis, which left this port yesterday from Galveston with fourteen passengers on board, has been destroyed by an explosion at sea.

The Atlantis sailed at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Two hours after the Atlantis passed the bar, the steamer, Norman Castle, in bound, reported that her officers had seen two bursts of smoke on the horizon and heard two loud explosions from the direction taken by the Atlantis.

Efforts were made from here to obtain communication with the Atlantis by wireless but there was no response. The battleships stationed here also vainly tried to communicate with her.

MAIL ROUTE

Is Extended by the Department through the Efforts of Congressman Moss.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Congressman Moss has been notified by the postoffice department that, at his request, rural mail route No. 2 out of Cairo has been extended, so as to benefit eleven families. The name of the postoffice at Keeferton, Fayette county, has been changed to Westery. The date of the discontinuance of the postoffice at Clifty, Fayette county, has been changed from Dec. 31, to January 31, 1914.